

SENATE No. 950**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Ms. Jehlen*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a primary seat belt law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Ms. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Garrett J. Bradley	3rd Plymouth
Katherine Clark	32nd Middlesex
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Stephen Kulik	1st Franklin
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Denis E. Guyer	2nd Berkshire
John D. Keenan	7th Essex
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Christopher G. Fallon	33rd Middlesex
Mark C. Montigny	Second Bristol and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02068 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIMARY SEAT BELT LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the seventh paragraph in line 23 and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:--

4 Any person who operates a motor vehicle without a safety belt, and any person sixteen years of
5 age or over who rides as a passenger in a motor vehicle without wearing a safety belt in violation
6 of this section, shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars. Any operator of a motor vehicle shall be
7 subject to an additional fine of fifty dollars for each person under the age of sixteen and no
8 younger than twelve who is a passenger in said motor vehicle and not wearing a safety belt. The
9 provisions of this section shall be enforced by law enforcement agencies when an operator of a
10 motor vehicle or passenger who rides in the motor vehicle is not wearing a safety belt in
11 violation of motor vehicle laws. Safety belt violations will not result in surcharges on motor
12 vehicle insurance premiums and a police officer may not search or inspect a motor vehicle, its
13 contents, the driver, or a passenger solely because of a violation of this section.